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The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia was held on August 11, 2015 in Council Chambers, Municipal Building at 7:30pm, Closed Session beginning at 6:30pm with Mayor Danny Turner presiding. Council Members present: Mayor Danny Turner, Council Member Gene Teague, Council Member Sharon Hodge, and Vice Mayor Jennifer Bowles. Absent: Council Member Mark Stroud. Staff members present included: City Manager Leon Towarnicki, City Attorney Eric Monday, Karen Roberts, Linda Conover and Police Chief Sean Dunn.

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and advised Council would go into Closed Session. In accordance with Section 2.1-344 (A) of the Code of Virginia (1950, and as amended) and upon motion by Vice Mayor Bowles, seconded by Council Member Teague with the following recorded 3-0 roll-call vote: Mayor Turner, aye; Council Member Teague, aye; Vice Mayor Bowles, aye. Council Member Hodge was not present at the time of the vote but joined Closed Session at 6:46pm. Council convened in Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the following matters: A) Discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected as authorized by Subsection 6. B) Appointments to boards and commissions as authorized by Subsection 1. C) Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members, attorneys or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, or other specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, as authorized by Subsection 7.

At the conclusion of the Closed Session, each returning member of Council certified that (1) only public business matters exempt from opening meeting requirements were discussed in said Closed Session and (2) only those business matters identified in the motion convening the Closed Session were heard, discussed, or considered during the Session. On a motion by Council Member Hodge and seconded by Vice Mayor Bowles with the following 4-0 roll-call recorded vote: Bowles, aye; Turner, aye; Teague, aye; Hodge, aye; Council returned to Open Session.

A motion was made by Council Member Hodge to appoint Susan McCulloch to the West Piedmont Planning District Technical Advisory Committee for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2018. Council Member Teague seconded the motion, all Council Members in attendance voted in favor 4-0.


A motion was made by Council Member Teague to appoint Dr. Mary Ruth Reynolds to the Blue Ridge Regional Library Governing Board for a 4-year term beginning August 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2019. Vice Mayor Bowles seconded the motion, all Council Members in attendance voted in favor 4-0.

Invocation and Pledge to the American Flag- Vice Mayor Jennifer Bowles.

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Approval of minutes from July 14, 2015 and July 28, 2015 Council meetings - On a motion by Vice Mayor Bowles, seconded by Council Member Hodge, with a 4-0 vote, Council Members approved the minutes from the July 14, 2015 and July 28, 2015 Council meetings.

Update from Jim Tobin, Piedmont Community Services – Mr. Tobin provided a handout.



PIEDMONT COMMUNITY SERVICES
PROMOTING COMPASSIONATE SOLUTIONS

PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH, INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES
& SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES TO FRANKLIN, HENRY &
PATRICK COUNTIES & THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE.

MISSION: PCS is the agent of Martinsville and the counties of Henry, Franklin and Patrick to plan, coordinate and provide the best possible network of behavioral health and intellectual disability services to individuals, families and the community. Services range from prevention and education, early intervention, counseling and referral, case management, crisis intervention and residential.

FY 2014-15:

- 961 Martinsville residents receive some counseling or residential service; 7% increase from past year
- Approximately 1,000 participated in some prevention/education program.

CHALLENGES:

- Extraordinary attention to behavioral health and intellectual disabilities.
- Managed care controls and oversight.
- 70% + budget is reimbursement. Overall flat funding.

GOOD THINGS:

CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM (CIT):

- 50 Martinsville Officers Trained.
- Best practices for officers who encounter persons with emotional problems.

ASSISTANCE CENTER 2:00 PM TO MIDNIGHT:

- Rapid mental health services in cooperation with law enforcement and Memorial Hospital.

SCHOOL BASED CRISIS THERAPIST:

- Therapist available to schools on daily basis to assist students, families and schools respond to students with acute emotional concerns.

PACT TEAM:

- Intensive outreach to adults with mental illnesses. Started January 1 with 80 people.

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS:

- Community Drug Abuse Forum - May 18. Strategic Plan developed.
- Medication Assisted Treatment - July 31
- Suboxone Program - assists individuals to break narcotic addiction. October 1.
- Naloxone Training - November. Interrupts narcotic overdose.
- Prescription Drug Education - October 1

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There are very few organizations in Martinsville and Henry County that Piedmont Community Services is not involved with in some aspect. Council Member Teague asked if that funding is adequate to cover the costs. Mr. Tobin said no but they make the funds they have available work. Council Member Hodge asked how they will continue to make it

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work if the need continues to rise. Tobin said they will seek additional funding targeting specific services. Mr. Tobin explained their next goal is to expand the hours of the Martinsville Assistance Center. Substance abuse disorders include casual users as well as full addiction. Our community is approximately double the state average of deaths from overdose. Teague asked if there were services that we are unable to provide but is needed that would be critical care. Tobin suggested a mobile crisis team, stating that an individual can find it intimidating to seek treatment at the emergency room; there could be a mobile team working with law enforcement to provide evaluation and assistance for both adults and children. Bowles asked if he had an approximate cost to organize a mobile crisis team. Tobin referred to the Mount Rogers organization in the Wytheville area; he said they provide a model specifically for children which is available 24-7 with cost being around \$600,000 per year to staff with well trained and experienced workers. Teague asked if the current laws are adequate to service this type of crisis or are there additional needs. Chief Dunn responded, stating the system puts a burden on law enforcement but fortunately they have the crisis center at the hospital. Teague asked Dunn if he would advocate for a crisis team. Dunn responded absolutely; obviously the goal is to best serve the population that needs medical help and not necessarily incarceration.

Presentation from Dennis Reeves of the Martinsville Rotary Club regarding the Rotary Youth Exchange – Mr. Reeves said he was attending the meeting to represent 1.2 million Rotarians around the world. Working with youth at a younger level has great impact on them as adults. He introduced Emily Martin who will be spending the next year of school in Belgium. Miss Martin said she was extremely excited about the opportunity to travel and represent Martinsville and the Rotary Club in Belgium. She hopes to leave by August 25, 2015. She will live with three host families so she will be learning both Italian and French while there. Hodge and Bowles both congratulated her and expressed well wishes. Mayor Turner presented her with 100 City of Martinsville pins to pass out while she's there and said they will also have an assortment of 100 post cards so she can be an ambassador for the City of Martinsville.

Update regarding the City/C-PEG Small Business Development Contract – Amanda Witt said she wanted to be sure C-Peg was meeting the City's expectations and goals. C-Peg has awarded \$22,850 in small business grants this month, two were City businesses and one business in the county. She is planning a meeting in September for past recipients of C-Peg grants, MURA façade grants and for anyone who has taken advantage of the City or the Incubator's past micro-loan program to see what the impact has been. They are applying for grants to fund businesses that they believe will be anchors for the Uptown area and grants for streamlining the process including ways to obtain permits online. They have registered Martinsville as a Small business Saturday community through American Express

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and will be planning a kickoff event to promote shopping locally in Martinsville and Henry County. She visited Marion, Virginia which has been named a “Downtown to Watch”, she hopes to plan and implement some of their ideas in Martinsville soon. She has scheduled a trip to Durham, NC to visit their farmers market which has been voted by MSN as 13th in the top 100 Markets in America; they plan to meet with staff and attend the market to learn some of their practices in hopes that it can benefit our local Farmer’s Market. C-Peg has secured three new for-profit Incubator tenants with another expected in August; the Incubator is at 93% occupancy with 17 tenants. Those tenants understand the incubator concept is to help them grow and get new businesses in place. She plans to look at different types of incubators and what makes them successful so they can learn more and expand the local office. She has met with two city property owners and has shown them several of the available properties; she is also working with a couple of retail stores to hopefully announce grand openings soon. They have met with 25 potential or existing City and County small businesses in July. Mr. Campbell is planning to hold an event involving a Nascar Chase driver in the community before the Fall race, possibly a large event at the Farmers market location. Council Member Hodge asked how uptown businesses would be able to capitalize from an event like that. Ms. Witt explained that it would be an early afternoon event to include a driver speech, media, and that they would ask that Uptown businesses be open during that time for shoppers.

Adoption of an amendment to the City’s Noise Ordinance – Mr. Monday stated that the concern arose from a Southside complaint and that most reports have been from that area. He said that with Virginia being a Dillon’s Rule state that we do not have the ability to regulate the operation of motor vehicles or ATVs but we do have the statutory authority to regulate noise. The City already has a noise ordinance and the current ordinance has been used as a model for other locations. Hodge questioned the 10:00pm limit and questioned if it could be moved to 11:00pm or midnight? Monday stated that the ordinance was written to match other noise ordinance time frames but there is the option to change that time. Turner emphasized that ATVs must be operated on a resident’s private property. Monday elaborated that ATVs could not be operated on public streets or highways and when on someone else’s property, the operator would need the property owner’s written permission. Teague explained the ordinance is applicable year round and not just summer time when it gets dark later. Vice Mayor Bowles made a motion to approve the proposed noise ordinance amendment as presented, Council Member Teague seconded the motion. Council Members approved the ordinance 4-0 with a roll call vote: Bowles, aye; Teague, aye; Hodge, aye; Turner, aye.

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Approval of consent agenda – Council Member Hodge made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Bowles seconded the motion, all present Council Members voted in favor.

Business from the Floor –

Patrick Wright, 1201 Spruce Street, Apt 318 – asked who to contact about local employment. City Manager Towarnicki suggested he contact Chris Pope with the VEC. Mr. Wright requested that someone send him Mr. Pope's contact information.

Chad Martin, 111 Hammond Drive – said he just returned from Virginia Tech where they offered a great facilitator training. He asked Mayor Turner how the meeting went and if it was successful? Turner, Bowles and Hodge all confirmed that the meeting went very well and that there was another meeting already scheduled.

Mayor Turner shared that Martinsville is participating in an online contest and citizens can go online to vote. City Manager Towarnicki said that the contest is sponsored by Blue Ridge Outdoor Magazine and explained how the public could vote for Martinsville by visiting the website. He explained that citizens can vote once a day from each device that they have available. The first round of voting will last through August 16 and the second round will end September 13. Each winning location will be featured in the November edition of Blue Ridge Outdoor Magazine. The sight was examined and it was determined to be safe to access from your home computer.

Comments by members of City Council–

Council Member Hodge said she did not bring up the fluoride issue at the last meeting because Vice Mayor Bowles was not in attendance and she would not discuss it at the current meeting since Council Member Stroud was not in attendance. She assured those in attendance that she has not giving up on the topic.

Vice Mayor Bowles said she applauds the Police Department for the successful Hoops with Cops event.

Mayor Turner thanked Police Chief Dunn, Officer Coretha Gravely and everyone involved in National Night Out.

Comments by City Manager – City Manager Towarnicki stated that he had forwarded information to the Council Members about the breakfast with Congressman Griffith on Monday 8:00-9:00am and would need to advise the organizers who would be attending. He shared that Aug 14, 2015 is the 80th anniversary of Social Security and that the City had prepared a Proclamation to be read on Friday at the Social Security office on Commonwealth Boulevard. He wanted to make the public aware that there will be paving on Cleveland Avenue next week but it will be scheduled so not to interfere with school traffic. There is also work being done on Bridge Street from Market to the underpass. He said there will be work sessions scheduled soon with Council Members and staff on the water meter project. They are also working to project the FY17 budget and a joint planning

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session will be held with schools after those budget projections are figured. Mayor Turner said he had received calls from citizens on Clark, Corn Tassel and Beverly Way regarding no water and low water pressure. Towarnicki advised that there was a break recently in that area, that the Beverly Way water line was replaced 2 years ago and that the City will address replacement of other water lines as we can and will continue to look for grants to provide funds for additional repairs. Council Member Teague confirmed when there is a water break we fix it, but to eliminate breaks the line must be replaced. Council Member Hodge questioned the times of the work sessions? Towarnicki said that would be up to Council's discretion but he hopes to hold those meetings during the day from 11:00-1:00pm but he will try to accommodate everyone's schedule.

There being no further business, Mayor Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm, Council Member Teague seconded the motion, all present members voted in favor.

Karen Roberts
Clerk of Council

Danny Turner
Mayor